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LD 214

One of the biggest reasons that we chose to move to Maine was that there was room for our children to grow up.

LD 213 is an important legislative bill that I encourage you to support, as it amends LD 2003 to give smaller towns control over their own growth. There are so many positive aspects to living in a rural town.

One of the main positives of living in a rural town, like Pownal, is the opportunity to enjoy a slower pace of life. Smaller towns have less traffic and noise, which is beneficial for both physical and mental health. Additionally, rural areas have more green spaces and natural landscapes, providing families with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities and a more natural way of life.

Another positive aspect of living in a rural town is the sense of community. Smaller towns have closer-knit communities, where neighbors look out for one another and work together to achieve common goals. This can be especially beneficial for families, as children are able to grow up with a strong support system and a sense of belonging.

In addition to these benefits, living in a rural town also allows families to have more space and room to grow. This is especially important for families with children, as they need room to play and explore. Rural areas have larger lots and more affordable housing options, which can make it easier for families to find the space they need to thrive.

I have lived in large cities. I've lived in Boston, New York, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. We specifically moved to Maine because it was not like these other places.

By amending LD 2003 to give smaller towns more control over their growth, LD 213 would allow these communities to preserve their rural character and maintain the positive aspects of living in a rural area. This would not only benefit families who choose to live in these areas, but also help to promote economic development and sustainable growth in these communities. For these reasons, LD 213 should be strongly supported.